

**IN THE ABSTRACT:**

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~~The invention concerns a~~ A device for carrying a preform in a temperature condition oven, ~~characterized in that it comprises~~ including a gripping device (10) provided with gripping claws (52), which enclose an outer surface of the neck (36) of the preform (12), ~~and in that it comprises an.~~ An inner core is provided (62) that penetrates axially inside the neck (36) over a distance substantially equal to the axial length of the neck (36), such that it presents a lower transverse surface (64) ~~which, when.~~ When the preform (12) is in place on the gripping device (10), it is substantially axially placed at the boundary between the neck (36) and the body (32) of the preform (12).